

District 48 Monthly Meeting

May 12th, 2021

In-Person Meeting opened at 7:09PM by DCM Bart T.

12 Traditions: Read by Brian S.

Roll Call & GSR Meeting Report: Present & Reported as follows: 11th Step Mediation Group – Needs Support, A Common Solution – Still online, Friday Morning St. Ann’s – Good, Friday Night Big Book – Good, Friday Night Group – Good, Just Do It – Good, Lunch Hour Group – Needs Support, Men’s Step Meeting – Good, Monday Night Duboistown – Just reopened, Picture Rocks Monday Night Group – Just reopened, now at 7 pm, Saturday Morning Big Book – Good, Search for Sobriety – Good, The Solution Group – Good, Sunday Night Big Book – Good, Thursday Night DuBoistown – Just reopened, now at 7 pm, Up the Creek Saturday Night – Good, Waking Up Sober Sunday Morning Muncy – Ok, Wednesday Night Muncy – Good, Women’s Thursday Night Group - Good

Minutes: Motion was made to accept the minutes as read. Motion was seconded, all were in favor. Minutes were emailed to all Area 59 Officers per the request of our DCM.

Treasurer’s Report: Pat C. Reporting. Treasurer’s report submitted and reviewed. Due to an oversight, there is a \$15 late fee for answering service, which will be paid. (See below under Answering Service report) Motion was made to accept Treasurer’s Report. Motion was seconded and passed.

DCM: Bart T. reported:

- 1) Email sent to the D48 officers, committee chairs & GSR’s were sent a text about tonight’s mtg.
- 2) Still follow opening up guidelines. Will be changing (Distancing, masks, clean up as directed by the facility.)
- 3) Policies & Procedures for District meeting guidance are available, please pick one up, also available online.
- 4) As of last count on website... Only about 4-6 meetings are still suspended, the rest opened some with requirements, please observe their requests.
- 5) ***The Friday Night "In the House" meeting has voted to disband.***
- 6) Reminder - GSR’s your plan of how to reconnect and contact members when you re-open. Will you do Virtual, Dual meetings, some people to make sure calls are being made to members? Service doing this pandemic has been a challenge but also has led to many new ways to carry the message while protecting anonymity.
- 7) Please pick up a updated GSR contact list. ***Please maintain each other’s anonymity.***
- 8) Went to SEPIA 2021 Round-Up on April 17th, 18th & 19th... was a virtual event. Lots of great info for all.
- 9) Attended Area 59 planning meetings for the Mini Assembly, and Structure meetings.
- 10) OUR Area Mini Assembly Sunday May 23rd, 2021. Hosted by District 58 will be a virtual event. See Flyer for Details from last meeting, is posted on website.
- 11) Virtual Northeast Regional Forum on June 4th - 6th, 2021. Save the Date - See flyer/website for details.
- 12) Williamsport Bid for PENNSCYPAA - Founder’s Day Picnic – June 12th, 2021 5:00 pm, see flyer or website for details.
- 13) AA PA State Convention - NEEDS VOLUNTEERS - will be Virtual – Aug. 6th & 7th, 2021 - See Flyer for Details.
- 14) PENNSCYPAA XXXII 2021 – State Conference – Aug. 20-22nd, 2021 see flyer and website for details.
- 15) Steering Committee - answers questions and offer suggestions to committee chairs, utilize your ADCM.
- 16) Lots of other things are going on in our District, other Districts, and AREA 59. See our Website www.district48aa.org & Area’s @ www.area59aa.org for more details.

ADCM: Absent, No Report

Activities: Absent, No Report

Answering Service: Diana B. reporting. There were 25 calls. 4 male, 1 female, 6 referred to website, 13 hang-ups, and 1 wrong number. Despite the fact that all calls were handled with “Quintessential (most perfect example of quality) Quaesitum (sought objective)”, there is an issue with the answering service. This past month’s invoice was over \$500. After discussion with answering service, this is due to mismanaged internal procedures & resources. Two alternative answering services were researched by Diana. Motion was made to have Diana investigate if there is a penalty for cancelling contract with current answering service, and if not, drop them. Motion was seconded and passed. Additional motion made to then let Diana set up account with Community Answering Service, which charges flat fee of \$65 per month plus \$1 per outgoing call. Motion was seconded and passed. In light of this situation, Pat C. was told not to pay aforementioned late fee until situation is resolved.

Archives: Nicole M. has organized all archive materials. She is diligently waiting to receive stories from GSRs, including herself, on how their homegroup worked through the pandemic. If a GSR is unable to get on the website to get & complete archives form, she will be happy to sit down with GSR and take notes.

Correctional Facilities:

Men: Absent, no report

Women: Anna reporting for Hazel – E-mail has been sent to request information on when we are allowed back in

CPC/PI: Annie W. reports this position has been extremely difficult in the current circumstances. She has ideas to discuss for future initiatives, including perhaps a dual-sponsored event with the activities committee. In the meantime, literature will be distributed to the court house and parole office.

Finance Committee: No Report

Grapevine: Anna discussed this month’s issue, which has some great, albeit lengthy, stories specifically dealing with working the Steps and Traditions.

Meeting Cards: Jeff F. reporting, asked if we were ready to vote on the new meeting cards. After some discussion about the thickness of the paper, motion was made to move forward with the new meeting cards with discussed additional thickness. Motion was seconded and passed. Printing of cards was put off for an additional month until above-mentioned answering service issue is resolved, so if there are any other changes that need to be made to meeting card, please get changes to Jeff F. by June district meeting.

Newsletter: Bart T. reported the May Newsletter is available online at our District 48 website www.district48aa.org, and printed copies were distributed at meeting. If you have any ideas, anniversaries or information to share with the newsletter, please email Stacey at ... newsletter@district48aa.org.

Steering Committee: No Report

Treatment & Accessibility:

Men: Absent, No Report

Women: Amber M. meeting with Bart T. and Mary S. to hand off commitment.

Website: David B. reported that the website is current and up to date. It was brought up that there was a “404”, or Page Not Found, error on one of the links on the homepage. David said he would take care of it, and as of the writing of these minutes, it has already been fixed.

Workshop: No Report

Tutorial: Nicole M. read the 5th Tradition in May. Nicole M. will read the 6th Tradition in June.

Old Business: Open Commitment - Workshop Chair. *Pass the word around your home groups, anyone who wants to chair the workshop committee please show up at the June Districts on 6/9/2021. GSR Contact information was distributed at meeting.

New Business: DCM, ADCM, and Secretary are working with Treasurer to get dual signature paperwork at bank set up. Pat C. will join Finance Committee and work with Treasurer Nikki C. as advisor. Bart T. and/or Nicole M. to get Diana B. our tax exemption # for answering service. Concern was brought up about someone being a GSR for two meetings. While this information was already out of date because this person is no longer GSR for two meetings, it was a good reminder of protocol.

Announcements: Charlie C. announced there is a new District 43 meeting on Mondays & Saturdays at St. Pauls on Main Street in Lock Haven.

Anniversaries:

Amber M. had 3 years on March 16th! Way to go, Amber!

Brett C. had 4 years on April 22nd! If that guy can do it, anyone can!

Bart T. had 8 years on April 27th! Thank you for all your service, Bart!

Charlie C. had 9 years on May 12th! Fantastic, Charlie!

Visitors: None

Coffee: “Good communication is just as stimulating as black coffee, and just as hard to sleep after.” – Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Motion was made to close the meeting. The motion was seconded. Ayes were in favor and none were opposed. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brett C.

“Your job now is to be at the place where you may be of maximum helpfulness to others, so never hesitate to go anywhere if you can be helpful.” – p. 102